

Appl. No. 10/764,194
Response Dated Jan. 22, 2007
Reply to Restriction Req. dated May 30, 2006

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. The Examiner issued a restriction requirement requiring Applicant to select from one of three inventions allegedly recited in the claims of the present application. The Examiner asserts that the following groupings of claims recite three distinct inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-3;
Group II: Claims 4-7; and
Group III: Claim 8.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the remarks provided herein.

2. Responsive to the restriction requirement, Applicant provisionally elects the claims in Group I (i.e., claims 1-3) for examination, without traverse.

3. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone, facsimile or email if the Examiner believes that such a communication would advance the prosecution of the instant application. Please charge any necessary fees associated herewith, including extension of time fees (if applicable and not paid by separate check), to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1111.

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